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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) No, Sir, but in 1951 memorials were received from the attenders of the Education Department in the matter. Their request was not complied with."

Western India Plywood Employees' Association.

* 1928 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 14th September 1954, from the Western India Plywood Employees' Association containing demands in respect of minimum basic wage, increase of pay, service conditions, leave, bonus, recognition of the union, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. Only a copy of the letter, dated 15th October 1954, addressed to the management was received by the Labour Officer, Kozhikode.

" (b) The Labour Officer has reported that the management and the workers have come to a settlement."

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the management is yet to implement certain important items in the terms of the agreement and the Association has requested the Government to prosecute the management in that regard? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that after the settlement two canteen supervisors were dismissed by the management and regular victimization is going on in the factory? If so, will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry into the matter and see that the management act according to that settlement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to give me more information on what he has stated just now. Then only, I will be able to furnish the particulars required by him."

Increase in crime in Feroke.

* 1928-A Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Hotel and Tea Shop Owners' Association in Feroke about the increase in crime in the place and about the indifferent attitude of the local police; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A copy of a communication containing a resolution on the subject addressed to the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar, has been received.

" (b) The Government have made enquiries into the matter and are satisfied that there was no abnormal increase in crime in Feroke to cause any concern."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Though this particular issue with regard to Feroke is a little out-of-date, I would like to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that there is a growing sense of insecurity in this area and in Malabar as I had already pointed out before. Will he kindly institute an enquiry into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do agree that this report was obtained in about January or February. If necessary, we shall obtain a fresh report and see whether there is any cause for concern."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The activities of anti-social elements in Feroke and the surrounding areas have figured here and as promised by the Government, they have done something by way of instituting patrol between 6 and 9 p.m. in those areas. But, as a matter of fact, the trouble arises only after 10 p.m. and before 4 a.m. So, will the Government change the patrolling time so that it may be of real help to the people? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider the suggestion made by the hon. Member. Even if we change the time, I am sure the trouble will arise at the time when there is no patrol and in places where there is no patrol."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that there was no abnormal increase in crime, but we know that Feroke has had for some years an abnormal increase in crime as compared to the rest of the district and the rest of the State. So, will the Government clamp down a thorough patrol throughout the day and night at least for some short period to see that anti-social elements will not do things in their own way? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do agree that Feroke is a troublesome area in Malabar. But I would request the hon. Member's co-operation and also the party to which he belongs in putting down these anti-social activities."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister has stated that the conditions in Feroke are not abnormal. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have received any report recently about the murder of a Government servant, a clerk employed in the Employment Exchange and some dead bodies found there after the incident? So, will the Government give special thought to the situation in Feroke and ask the Inspector-General of Police to investigate those cases, so that there will be a sense of security among the people for their life and property? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As stated by the hon. Member, Sri Narayana Kurup, we have instituted patrolling of the area and whether it should be further intensified is certainly a matter for consideration. As I have already stated, the co-operation of the hon. Member and his party is very essential in putting down these anti-social elements."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER :—" Will the Government be pleased to appoint a special C.I.D. officer to make a thorough enquiry about those cases which have not been unearthed so far? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is very easy to appoint a Special Officer but the question is whether sufficient and reliable evidence will be forthcoming as a result of his enquiry. But, unfortunately the trouble is due not only to other causes, but also due to political causes. Therefore, it is not a question of holding a proper enquiry there."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, I wish to make a personal explanation. The Hon. Minister was saying that the co-operation of the party to which I belong is required. At the end of three and half years, I may remind him that I do not belong to any party. Although I have influence with all parties including his (the Hon. Minister's) party the co-operation from the parties over which I have influence will certainly be available if his party itself feels incompetent to control the situation." 10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad that the hon. Member has dissociated himself from the Communist Party. But I did not mention anything about the Communist Party alone. If he has influence with the party he may exert that influence to control the situattion."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, with regard to the affairs of Feroke, I may mention that I as a member of the Malabar Committee of the Communist Party and also as President of the Feroke Tile Workers' Union along with members of other political parties—the Praja Socialist Party, the Merchants' Association, etc.—approached the then Collector in 1953–54 and had a discussion with him. We assured our full support to the Collector in this matter. Various suggestions were made by us for controlling the situation to be forwarded to the Government. May I request the Hon. Minister to call for the report of the Collector and see that all possible steps are taken in co-operation with all political parties and all sections of the public so that law and order may be maintained there and a feeling of security is given to the people."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If only the Member is quite sincere in his efforts, as I have already said, there will be an improvement in the situation."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was stating something about the co-operation of political parties with the Government. But this is contrary to what has

been stated in the Governor's Address in which was mentioned that harmonious relationship existed between the Government and the different political parties . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I do not know how this is a point of order?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I will explain the matter. As between the Government and the various political parties there is cordial feeling. But between two political parties there is not so much cordial feeling. That is not contrary to what has been stated in the Governor's Address."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Minister said 'that if the Member is very sincere, then everything will be successful'. That means, Sir, the Hon. Minister is casting some aspersions on the hon. Member. I wish to know whether the Minister can doubt or question the sincerity of a Member. I want a ruling from you, Sir, on the matter."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has referred to some quarrel somewhere and has not mentioned anything about the sincerity of Members. So, there is nothing on which I can give a ruling."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The Hon. Leader of the House went on insinuating that the Communist Party did not sincerely co-operate in this effort. May I know from the Hon. Minister, Sir, what are the reasons which led him to doubt the sincerity of the party? If he tells us plainly and if he is sincere in seeking the co-operation of the Communist Party, then the co-operation of the Communist Party will be available in full measure."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I believe, Sir, that if only the Communist Party makes an honest attempt there will be considerable improvement. Since that improvement is not there, I am inclined to infer that sufficient co-operation is not forthcoming."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister's replies seem to suggest that the turbulent situation is due to a sort of ill-feeling between two political parties. Though the relationship between the Communist Party and the Praja Socialist Party is not as cordial as that of between the Congress Party and the Communist Party, in this case we say definitely that the situation in Feroke is purely due to rowdy and anti-social elements and it has nothing to do with any political disturbances in the area."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do agree that this is purely due to rowdy and anti-social elements. If only the political parties make an honest attempt they can put them down."

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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister was so much at pains to talk about the sincere co-operation of the various political parties—here I am not talking on behalf of the Communist Party alone. May I know whether the Hon. Minister is prepared to place before the House the steps that the Government have taken in response to the suggestions made by all political parties in order to show the sincerity of the Government themselves? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The steps taken by the Government have been pointed out by the hon. Members themselves. We have strengthened the Police patrols in that area. We have put the Police on patrol duties from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. We have taken all steps in the matter. Even now, I feel that unless political parties co-operate quite sincerely it will not be possible for the Police alone to improve the situation to any considerable extent."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall now take the remaining questions one by one and finish them all in five minutes."

Agricultural Insurance Scheme.

* 1928-B *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any comprehensive scheme of agricultural insurance was considered in 1947–48;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof;

(*c*) whether the scheme was implemented at any time after that; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to crop insurance. If so, the answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The question does not arise.

" (*c*) & (*d*) A scheme for crop insurance for Madras State was formulated in 1949. But it could not be pursued by this Government as legislation was necessary for implementing it and as such legislation could not be undertaken by the State Legislature as the subject, ' Insurance ' is exclusively within the legislative competence of the Union Parliament."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இம்மாதிரியான சட்டத்தை இயற்றும் படியாக மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு நம் சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்யுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதைப்பற்றியெல்லாம் இந்த அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்துடன் பேசிக்கொண்டு தான் இருக்கிறது."

Malaria in Kasaragod taluk.

* 1928-C *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are taking any measures to control malaria in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara; and

(*b*) if so, in which area?